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SUB: FOREIGN MINISTER AND BELGIAN SENATE ON MOZAMBIQUE

1. BELGIAN PRESS AUGUST 2 REPORTS ON AUGUST 1 SPECIAL SESSION OF SENATE FOREIGN AFFAIRS COMMITTEE AT WHICH FOREIGN MINISTER VAN ELSLANDE WAS QUESTIONED ON BELGIAN POLICY TOWARDS PORTUGAL AND MOZAMBIQUE. VAN ELSLANDE REPORTEDLY REVIEWED UN EFFORTS TO DEAL WITH THE PROBLEM OF OVERSEAS TERRITORIES, NOTED THAT MOZAMBIQUE WAS, ACCORDING TO THE PORTUGUESE CONSTITUTION, A PORTUGUESE TERRITORY RATHER THAN A COLONY AND THAT PORTUGAL SAID THAT DEMARCHES HAD BEEN MADE IN LISBON IN AN EFFORT TO SEEK A SOLUTION TO THE MOZAMBIQUE PROBLEM AND TO OBTAIN MORE INFORMATION ON THE SITUATION, AND STATED THAT THERE WAS NO PROOF THAT BELGIANS ARMS HAD BEEN USED IN MOZAMBIQUE.

2. THE COMMITTEE AGREED ON A MOTION (A) STATING THAT, ACCORDING TO APPARENTLY RELIABLE WITNESSES, PORTUGUESE ARMED FORCES HAD COMMITTED ACTS OF CRUELTY AGAINST CIVILIAN POPULATION IN MOZAMBIQUE, (B) RECOMMENDING THAT AN INTERNATIONAL COMMISSION OF INQUIRY BE ESTABLISHED IN THE
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FRAMEWORK OF NATO OR THE UN, AND (C) REQUESTING THE

BELGIAN GOVERNMENT TO PURSUE ACTION TO PREVENT THE DELIVERY
OF ARMS THAT COULD BE USED PORTUGUESE AFRICAN TERRITORIES.
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